GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2661
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COTTON CORPORATION OF INDIA
Gutha Shri Sukender Reddy

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cotton Corporation of India is planning to open purchase counters across the State of Andhra Pradesh to procure the cotton from farmers;

(b) if so, the details of those centres, district-wise;

(c) the minimum support price (MSP) fixed for cotton for this season;and

(d) the criteria for deciding the MSP for cotton?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) has made arrangements to operate 73 procurement centres across the State of Andhra Pradesh in the event prevailing kapas prices touching the MSP level. District-wise details of procurement centres is at Annexure - A.

(c): The Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for cotton fixed by the Government for the cotton season 2010-11 is at Annexure - B.

(d): The Minimum Support Price (MSP) is fixed by the Government of India every year for two basic staple groups on the recommendation of Commission on Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), which takes into account inter-alia the cost of cultivation, cost of various inputs viz. seeds, pesticides, fertilizers etc. and a reasonable profit margin to the cotton farmer.